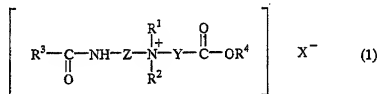


ABSTRACTS

Provided is a deodorant having excellent masking and deodorizing effects of scalp odor, body odor and foot odor. This deodorant comprises a betaine ester represented by the following formula (1):



[wherein, R¹, R² and R³ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched C₁₋₃₆ alkyl or alkenyl group, Y represents a linear or branched C₁₋₄ alkylene group, Z represents a group represented by -R⁵(OA)_n- (in which, R⁵ represents a linear or branched C₁₋₃₆ alkylene group, A represents a linear or branched C₂₋₄ alkylene group and n stands for 0 to 10), R⁴ represents a residue left after removal of one OH from an alcohol compound having, in the molecule thereof, at least one hydroxyl group, and X⁻ represents an anion].